

### REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 4 and 9. Applicants have cancelled the remaining claims in this application without prejudice. It is therefore believed that this application is in proper condition for allowance.

For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that this Application is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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